

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 1, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1–2, 5–9, 12–24, 26–29 and 32 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the present application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters addressed hereinbelow.

Claims 27–29 and 32 are canceled herein as directed to a non-elected invention. Attached to this paper is a Sequence Listing in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.821–1.825 in electronic and paper format. A statement in support of the Sequence Listing is enclosed herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have addressed the formal matters raised by the Examiner and that the present application is now in condition for allowance. It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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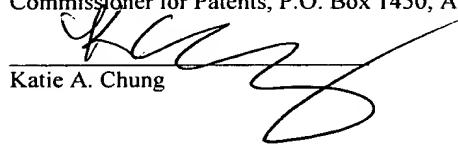
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